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draft resolution

Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/104 of 12 December 1997, in which it decided to review, not later than at its fifty-seventh session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 2003,

Recognizing the need for concerted international action on behalf of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

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Considering the outstanding work that has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection and material assistance to refugees and displaced persons as well as in promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with deep appreciation the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with various essential humanitarian tasks entrusted to it,

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 2004;

2. *Also decides* to review, not later than at its sixty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 2008;

3. *Further decides* to consider at its fifty-eighth session proposals by the High Commissioner on the basis of his report, prepared in consultation with the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme and the Secretary-General, regarding the strengthening of the capacity of the Office to carry out its mandate.